

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-6, 9, 15-18, 21-25, 31, 36, and 37 remain pending in the present application. Claim 36 is amended. Support for the amendment is found at least in the originally filed Figure 1. Thus, no new matter is added and no new issues are presented.

In the Advisory Action dated February 2, 2006, Claims 1-6, 9, 15-18, 21-25, 31, and 37 were indicated as allowed and Claim 36 was rejected. The Advisory Action points out that the arguments relied upon in the Request for Reconsideration filed on January 23, 2006 were not recited in rejected Claim 36. In light of this indication, the present amendment is submitted with Claim 36 amended accordingly.

Applicants thank Examiner Torres for holding a telephone discussion with Applicants' representative on February 8, 2006. As agreed upon during the telephone discussion, Applicants are submitting the present amendment without raising any new issues which would require further examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Therefore Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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